

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
MILWAUKEE DIVISION**

IN RE: ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE
IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL No. 2272

**APPROVED FORM OF
SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

This applies to:

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

ROBERT BERTRAM

Plaintiff,

vs.

Zimmer, Inc., Zimmer Holdings, Inc.,
~~Zimmer Orthopaedic Surgical Products, Inc.~~

Defendants.

APPROVED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT FOR
ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in In Re: Zimmer NexGen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation, MDL 2272, filed as of January 12, 2012, as Document Number 211. Pursuant to a Stipulated Order of the PSC in MDL 2272 and Counsel for Defendants, the following Short Form Complaint is approved for use in this action. Where Plaintiff's Complaint was previously transferred into MDL 2272, this Short Form Complaint and the incorporated Master Long Form Complaint shall serve as an amended Complaint.

Plaintiff selects and indicates by checking off the appropriate spaces, those products and claims that are specific to his or her case. Where certain claims require specific pleadings or case specific facts and individual information, plaintiff shall add and include them herein.

1. Plaintiff, Robert Bertram, states and brings this civil action before the Court for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2272. Plaintiff is filing this short form complaint as permitted and approved by Order of the MDL 2272 Court, and adopts and incorporates by reference those allegations in the Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and any and all amendments thereto.

2. This action is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332, as diversity of citizenship exists among and between the parties.

3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391 as defendants named herein do business within this district.

4. Plaintiff Robert Bertram is a resident and citizen of Wisconsin and claims damages as set forth below.

5. Plaintiff was born on July 27, 1959.

6. ~~Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the~~
~~[administrator/personal representative/executor/other] _____ of the [Estate~~
~~of] _____. [Cross out if Not Applicable] A copy of the Letters of~~
~~Administration or other authority to proceed on behalf of the Estate, where required, is annexed~~
~~hereto if such letters are required for the commencement of such a claim by the Probate,~~
~~Surrogate or other appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.~~

ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEVICE(S) AND INJURIES

7. Plaintiff was implanted with a Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) on his left knee on or about December 12, 2006 at Community Memorial Hospital, by Dr. Paul Miller.

8. ~~On or about~~_____, Plaintiff suffered personal and economic injuries as a result of the implantation of the following Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s):

_____ Zimmer NexGen LPS-Flex

 X Zimmer NexGen CR-Flex

_____ Zimmer NexGen GSF LPS-Flex

_____ Zimmer NexGen GSF CR-Flex

_____ Zimmer NexGen MIS Tibia

9. Plaintiff has not yet scheduled a revision surgery with respect to the defective Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s).

10. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of implantation ~~and revision/explantation~~ of the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) manufactured by defendants as described in the forthcoming Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents in discovery provided to the defendants and/or obtained by the defendants through Plaintiff's authorization and are incorporated by reference herein.

11. At the time of implantation with the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s), the plaintiff resided at 10315 W. Courtland Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53225.

12. The defendants by their actions or inactions, proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries.

13. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of:

 X injury to herself/himself

___ injury to the person represented

___ wrongful death

___ survivorship action

X economic loss

___ loss of services

___ loss of consortium

14. Neither Plaintiffs nor their physicians, through the exercise of reasonable diligence, could have detected the defective nature of the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device any earlier than the evidence of loosening and/or other indication for planned revision of the defective device(s), or as the facts dictate and produced in discovery.

15. As a result of the injuries Plaintiff sustained, he/she is entitled to recover compensatory damages for pain and suffering and emotional distress and for economic loss as well as punitive damages.

16. Plaintiff's Zimmer NexGen® Flex Knee device bears catalog number 00-5956-017-02 and lot number 60591976. If unknown, [check] X to be provided at or before service of Plaintiff's fact sheet.

ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEFENDANTS
SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY

17. The following claims and allegation are asserted by Plaintiffs and are herein adopted by reference:

COUNT I – STRICT LIABILITY DESIGN DEFECT

_____ COUNT I (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;

X COUNT I (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;

_____ COUNT I (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;

_____ COUNT I (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT I (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT II – STRICT LIABILITY FAILURE TO WARN

_____ COUNT II (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT II (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT II (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT II (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT II (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT III – STRICT LIABILITY MANUFACTURING DEFECT

_____ COUNT III (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT III (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT III (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT III (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT III (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT IV - NEGLIGENCE

_____ COUNT IV (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT IV (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT IV (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT IV (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT IV (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT V – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

_____ COUNT V (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT V (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT V (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT V (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT V (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VI – EXPRESS WARRANTY

_____ COUNT VI (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT VI (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VI (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VI (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VI (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VI – BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

_____ COUNT VI (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT VI (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VI (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VI (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VI (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VII – BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY

_____ COUNT VII (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;
 X COUNT VII (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VII (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT VII (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;

_____ COUNT VII (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VIII – REDHIBITION

_____ COUNT VIII (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;

 X COUNT VIII (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;

_____ COUNT VIII (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;

_____ COUNT VIII (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;

_____ COUNT VIII (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

_____ COUNT IX – LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

_____ COUNT X – WRONGFUL DEATH

_____ COUNT XI - SURVIVAL ACTION

_____ COUNT XII – VIOLATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
STATUTES:

[State] _____ and applicable statute: _____

_____ COUNT XIII – UNJUST ENRICHMENT

 X COUNT XIV – PUNITIVE DAMAGES

PLAINTIFF(S) ASSERTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CAUSES OF ACTION
[ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY]: _____

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages requested and according to proof;
2. For punitive or exemplary damages against Defendants;

3. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
4. For an award of attorney's fees and costs;
5. For prejudgment interest and the costs of suit; and
6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper;

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: February 5, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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